ween the Kukis and Naga tribes in Manipur, which has been going on since early last year, witnessed a sudden spurt of killings and arson in the last few days.

In two separate incidents on 6th and 8th August, in 5 remote villages in Ukhrul and Senapati districts, 35 persons were killed, 25 injured and 137 dwellings raised to the ground. In these cold blooded killings, grievous injuries were first inflicted with sharp weapons, followed by shootings with firearms. Another tragic aspect is that among those killed were women and small children, some less than two years old. Since then the Kukis have also been involved in a retaliatory attack in Senapati district, yesterday on 11th August, 1993.

I visited Manipur on 9th and 10th instant and held detailed consultations with the Chief Minister, his Cabinet colleagues and senior civil and Army officials. I also met political workers and community leaders, visited one of the affected villages and talked to the local residents.

Although the current conflict is apparently seen as an ethnic clash between the Nagas and the Kukis with the Nagas gaining an upper hand, it is really a case of a banned unlawful organisation i.e. the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-I) unleashing violence to perpetuate insurgency and create disaffection among the people of the region. The violent track-record of NSCN(I) is well known.

The apparent objectives of the NSCN(I) are to wrest control of the lucrative Moreh area; develop a safe corridor to Moreh area, eliminating all Kuki concentrations along the route; and, over time, driving out the Kukis to gain control over the Hill Districts of Manipur.

The NSCN(I) have been extorting money from the people in the name of recovering taxes. Gaining control over substantial tracts of land will provide them with a base to better organise their insurgent activities.

While the recent Naga-Kuki clashes have attracted notice, Manipur is also riven by other factional feuds. There are about 18 insurgent groups, of varying sizes, which are operating in the State. Their conflicting demands do not encourage the chances of a negotiated settlement. This has led to increasing reliance on the use of force.

To enforce effective counter-insurgency operations, we had inducted the Army in May 1993 to flush out the insurgents and restore order, with the support of the State Police and the Central para-military forces. Towards this objective, the Army was given the overall responsibility of coordinating the activities of the other Forces. A State level Coordination Committee has been functioning under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, comprising the DGP, GOC of the Army and senior representatives of all concerned State and Central agencies.

In my discussions with the State Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues I strongly stressed on him the need to demonstrate clear political will and launch effective measures to firmly deal with the existing situation. After my detailed discussion with the State authorities and the senior Army Force Commander it has been decided that a revised action plan shall be urgently evolved and implemented, to more effectively deal with the serious insurgent situation in the State. We shall be very closely monitoring further developments.

10. With the support of this August House, I hope that we shall early overcome the existing situation and restore public order in the State.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Fatal Bomb attack on Shri P. Siva Reddy, Telugu Desam M.L.A.—Contd.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Hon. Members, we have 8 speakers on this statement. I will request you to take about three minutes each and put pointed questions to the Minister.

Shri Moturu Hanumantha Rao.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, this is only legal quibbling. Bypassing the facts, a statement is made here. It is well known that what has taken place is a Government-inspired murder of the ex-Minister and sitting MLA, Mr. Siva Reddy. There was an open debate. Here it is pleaded that Mr. Siva Reddy went to court, he did certain things and that he did not want this or that and all those things. He was pleading for the strengthening of his security guard in the Assembly itself and all the opposition members were pleading for him. At that time the Home Minister came out saying, "We are not prepared

to give any more security guards; we allow more security guards only in case of danger from extremists; so he would not be given any more security guards to protect him." That was the statement made by the Home Minister. It was then an agitating point for all the opposition members. Then they appealed to the Speaker. The Speaker then intervened and said that the number of security guards must be increased in respect of Mr. Siva Reddy since his life was in danger.

The point here is, as I have said, it is only legal quibbling. An open discussion had taken place in the Assembly, which came out in the press. The idea was that the number of security guards provided to Mr. Siva Reddy was not enough, adequate protection was not there. So, the entire Opposition, at the instance of Mr. Siva Reddy, was pleading for providing more security guards to protect his life. The specific point here is that he expressed that there was danger to his life at any moment. Then the Home Minister came forward to state that he was not prepared to provide any more guards and that such guards would be provided only in case of danger from extremists and, as this was not such a case, he would not provide any more guards. Emboldened by this statement of the Minister, the Congress rowdies had taken this as a clue to see that Mr. Siva Reddy was murdered within 12 hours of the adjournment of the Assembly.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : Come to your questions and try to conclude, please.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO : The Speaker intervened and said that he must be provided with greater security provisions and a greater number of guards must also be provided to him. The Home Minister had ignored that and, within 12 hours after the Assembly was adjourned, he was murdered. This is a Government-inspired murder, as I have said. I have already brought to your notice one incident which took place at Amaravathi on 16th July. On the 27th of July itself I was drawing the attention of the House that three women....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : You please seek clarifications from the Minister on this statement. If you have some other problem, you can raise it in some other way.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO : This is legal quibbling and he is not coming with a straightforward answer. Why did the Home Minister refuse to provide him with greater security after the discussion took place in the Assembly? Why had the Speaker to intervene and direct the Government to provide him with a greater number of security guards? Why did they not do it? They have no explanation on these points. On the other hand they say that this thing or that thing was there, he did not want it, so many guards were there and so on. Though the danger was posed before them, he did not come forward for the strengthening of the security guard. That is why this murder took place. Emboldened by the statement of the Home Minister, the Congress rowdies, who were already after him. ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : Please conclude now.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO : We cannot avoid certain things here because ....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : No, through this statement you cannot mention such things. No, I am not permitting you, please. ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO : A Government inspired murder has taken place. The Home Minister is directly responsible for that. He must be thrown out of the Ministry. ... (*Interruptions*)

There is no law and order in Andhra Pradesh. ... (*Interruptions*)

They are being murdered by the Congress Party.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : Dr. Sivaji.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : Sir, for the last three, four days my clarifications have been listed at 5.30. Now that the Election Commission has decided all the problems, nothing remains to be clarified. If this hon. House ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR (Uttar Pradesh) : How could you persuade that gentleman on this question? This is the query. ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ : Just one minute more. So far as this matter is concerned, ...

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): No,, no. Your time is over.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: No.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): No, no, you cannot decide your own time.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: I have not finished.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): You are a very senior Member of this House. In the very beginning I said, "I am not going to permit more than three minutes because there are eleven speakers on the list. Please try to be pointed." When you speak on clarifications, if you are just making a general statement, I am not going to permit it.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: It is not a general statement. I am specifically mentioning how the Home Minister refused to provide a greater number of security guards in the case of Siva Reddy.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Okey. The Minister will reply to it.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: That was responsible for emboldening the *goondas* within 12 hours ... (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): All right. The Minister will clarify the whole position.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: He must be thrown out. Otherwise, there will be no law and order. ... (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): All right, okay, please sit down.

Yes, Mr. Minister, what do you want to submit?

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: Sir, I just wanted to seek your kind indulgence. This was made by me in a context. It was purposeless almost because no information was available. Now the Election Commission has issued another notification announcing elections wherever required except in one or two places. Now, if at all anything has to be discussed regarding the past of the Election Commission, the deployment of forces and so on, these can be taken up in another form. The purpose of clarifications on this statement is now totally over and any clarifications now will only become redundant.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): What about the remaining issue?

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: You can have it in a proper form.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: You have to answer about elections in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: About Tamil Nadu, you can raise it separately. I will not be able to say anything except what the Election Commission has notified. ... (*Interruptions*)

I will have no objection ....

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Apart from the lighter vein, there are one or two very important points. ... (*Interruptions*)

एक-दो बिंदु ऐसे हैं जिन पर क्लैरिफिकेशन चाहिए ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Mathur Saheb, let the Minister complete his submission. After that it is up to you. It is the sense of the House which will prevail ultimately. So, let him speak.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Mr. Vice-Chairman, why did you allow him to intervene?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Yes, I have allowed him. It is under the powers of the presiding officer that he can allow anyone at any point of time.

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: I wanted to know .....

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Sir, if he takes one more day, he will be able to convince Mr. Seshan about elections in Tamil Nadu also. Then there would be no problems.

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: I don't know. If you will give me support, kindly ..(*Interruptions*)

Just have mercy on me. I am prepared. I am saying that for the last three, four days this has been listed. If I do not come, they accuse me that I do not come. If I sit here, they do not here me. I am an unfortunate man actually. These clarifications will go on. I am not evading clarifications. I am prepared to answer all the clarifications, but you kindly let me know

whether the clarifications will be taken up today or they will be taken up tomorrow. I have some meeting with the Prime Minister and other people. I have to go at seven o' clock. So, I just wanted to know whether clarifications are not needed. Otherwise, I will give clarifications.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Some other time.

SHRI P. UPENDRA : When Mr. Seshan creates another problem, you can combine them.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : They can be combined. . . . (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : I think there is a lot of substance in the submission of the hon. Minister, but now it is up to the sense of the House. . . . (*Interruptions*)

If you agree, it may come in another form. If you refuse, . . . (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : On Monday, Mr. Vice-Chairman.

SHRI P. UPENDRA : He has been sincerely sitting here throughout the day.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : That is true. So, some concession should be given to him for his sincerity. I think the sense of the House is, as it appears from the statement now, that it stands redundant. At some other time if Members want to have some further clarifications about the role of the Election Commission and other problems relating to States, they may come in other forms.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal) : Dangerous situation must be discussed.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : दूसरे फार्म में लाने में लम्बा समय लगेगा । मन्त्री को केवल 15 मिनट का समय दे दीजिये । मैं तो तभी तैयार हूं । दो-चार बिन्दु हैं जिन पर सवाल पूछने पड़ेंगे ।

श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज : मन्त्री को रख लें . . . (व्यवधान) ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : Please let him finish with this problem. The sense of the House is that this very statement should be taken as redundant and . . . (*Interruptions*)

[The Deputy Chairman in the chair]

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ : It could be on Monday.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : On Monday he is ready. O.K.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Derailment of 5609 Avadh-Assam Express near Mairwa Station on the Chhapra-Bhatni Section of North Eastern Railway on 3rd August, 1993—

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : Madam, my submission is that the accident took place on 3rd of August. There is no relevance to it now. So, the *suo motu* Statement listed for today is not relevant.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh) : Lay it on the Table of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No clarifications. Mr. Lenka, please lay it on the Table of the House and take care of the people who have been hurt in the accident.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Madam, copies have to be furnished to us.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : They will be furnished.

SHRI K. C. LENKA : Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a Statement regarding derailment of 5609 Avadh-Assam Express near Mairwa Station on the Chhapra-Bhatni Section of North Eastern Railway on 3-8-1993.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Fatal Bomb attack on Shri P. Siva Reddy, Telugu Desam MLA.—Contd.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI (Andhra Pradesh) : The hon. Minister in his Statement has drawn attention to certain differences between the security in the case of the Naxalite activities and the security in the case of the factional fights. What are the existing guidelines that are available with the State Governments under these two circumstances ?

Another clarification I would like to ask is that in the writ petition dated 3rd December, 1992, the late Mr. Siva Reddy appealed to the High Court for additional security. It is mentioned that the Minister of Home Affairs in